PURCHASING USER MANUAL

APPROVING A REQUISITION

INTRODUCTION

Requisitions, or requisition line items, are approved based on the workflow they are assigned to. A workflow is the path for routing a requisition to a person or a group of people for approval. Each workflow can have as many approval levels and as many approvers as needed.

A requisition can be made up of several line items and each can be assigned to different workflows. Therefore a requisition may need to be approved by several different approvers before it is ready for purchasing.

The requisition line items and the approvers must be assigned to the same workflow in order for the approvers to be able to approve those line items.

In addition, your agency may use Requisition Departments. In this case, the approvers must also be assigned to the same Requisition Department as a requisition in order to approve it.

Furthermore, your Purchasing administrator may set up approver rules for each approver, restricting them to approving items based on dollar amount or a certain type of fiscal code(s).

Finally, your Purchasing administrator may enable certain approval restrictions, such as restricting approvers from approving their own requisitions.

You will not be able to approve a requisition if:

- You are not part of the requisition workflow.

- You are not part of the Requisition Department and your administrator has restricted approvals by department.

- The line item(s) have fiscal coding or a dollar amount which your approval rules do not allow you to approve.

- You created the requisition and you are an approver, but the administrator has restricted approvers from approving their own requisitions.

TO APPROVE THE REQUISITION

1. Depending on your agency's process and the role you have been assigned by your administrator, open a requisition to approve:

   - Click **Approve** next to a requisition on the **Status** screen (The **Status** may be **Awaiting Line Approval** or **Awaiting Requisition Approval**, depending on the status of the line items in a requisition.)

   - Click the **Approval** tab if you have completed the fiscal coding of the requisition, are authorized to approve your own requisition, and now need to approve it.

Figure 1 - Status screen

2. If necessary, review the **Req Notes**, **Req Atch**, or the line item **Notes** and/or attachments (**Atch**) to review any information that helps you determine whether or not to approve the requisition line items.

Figure 2 - Notes and Attachments icons

3. If needed, check the **Show Fiscal Coding Titles** check box to display and review the fiscal code titles. (An approver cannot change fiscal coding, but can reject a line item for fiscal coding changes.)

Figure 3 - Fiscal Coding Titles

4. If needed, check the **Show Vendor Info** to display and review the vendor information, if available.

5. If needed, click **Menu** next to a line item and click **Show Full Description** to display the full text of the **Description** field.

6. To approve all line items of the requisition, click **Approve**. The **Approve** button will only be active if the approver has rights to approve every line item.

7. To approve individual line items of the requisition, click **Menu** next to a line item, and then click **Approve Line Item**.

Figure 4 - Approve button and Menu

8. To reject all line items of the requisition, click **Reject All**.

9. To reject an individual line item of the requisition, click **Menu** next to a line item, and then click **Reject Line Item** (or **Reject all lines** if it is an "All or nothing" requisition). NOTE: A Purchaser can reject a requisition item after the final approval.

10. When finished approving, the requisition status will be **Ready for Purchasing**.

REQUISITIONS YOU ARE UNABLE TO APPROVE

Requisitions or requisition line items shaded in purple mean that you cannot approve them. Open the requisition to approve and then click a line item **Menu** and **Show Reason** to find out why you cannot approve the item.

Figure 5 – Items you cannot approve

There may be restrictions set by your Purchasing administrator, such as:

- You are not part of the requisition workflow.

- You are not part of the Requisition Department and your administrator has restricted approvals by department.

- The line item(s) has fiscal coding or a dollar amount which your approval rules do not allow you to approve.

- You created the requisition and you are an approver, but the administrator has restricted approvers from approving their own requisitions.